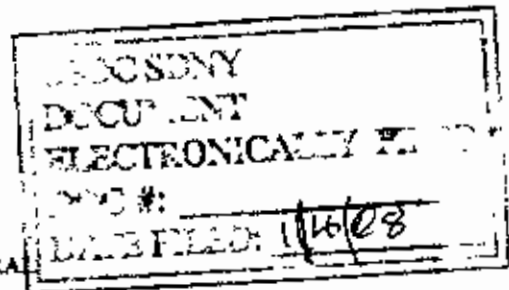


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Re: Tavares, Edward v. State of New York, et al.  
07 Civ. 8673 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

I am the Assistant Attorney General assigned to handle the above-referenced habeas corpus case. By order dated October 25, 2007, respondent's papers are due today, December 28, 2007. Although I recently received the state court records, I have not yet prepared the Attorney General's response. In the past two months, I have written and edited many district court filings, and I have several other district court cases, as well as two Second Circuit briefs, that I must file before this one. Accordingly, I am requesting an extension until March 10, 2008, to file the Attorney General's response.

I apologize for the lateness of this request. I intended to file it earlier in the week, but I was unexpectedly out of the office for most of the week. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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